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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MEIER et al
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For: Method For Increasing The Wear Resistance
Of A Work Piece
Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: Nguyen, T.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 21, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 19, 2002 of the Primary Examiner, finally rejecting claims 1 - 15. The items below are appropriate:

Timely responses to the final rejection were filed on February 19, 2003 and March 18, 2003.

The fee of \$320.00 for this Notice is enclosed.

A Petition for Extension of Time for filing this Notice is attached hereto, together with the appropriate fee.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry,

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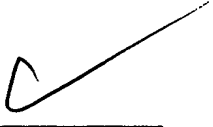

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Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 306.38372X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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